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To Whom It May Concern:

I hope that the United States Department of Justice will reconsider the decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit and follow the lead of the nine state attorneys general who have rejected this decision to let Microsoft off with a slap on the wrist for its monopolistic practices.

Numerous consumer groups disagree with the decision to settle because they know Microsoft has not been given any serious reason to change any of its practices. Price gouging of consumers will continue. The market will continue to lack choices for consumers. Consumers will doubly suffer as they pay more in an uncompetitive market, while the executives of Microsoft move from being millionaires to billionaires thanks to monopolistic profits.

I am proud that my state's Attorney General, Tom Miller, rejected this Microsoft agreement. I believe that Mr. Miller and the other eight state attorneys general see the many problems with an agreement that does little to affect change in the computer software industry. Splitting Microsoft into two or three companies may not be the proper response, but neither is this.

Your decision to prematurely end litigation against Microsoft is a mistake. A real opportunity exists for the Department of Justice to take a stand and protect not only consumers, but also our free market society. Whereas the agreement does nothing to protect neither consumers nor smaller companies striving to compete,

further litigation could effect real change. Please  
continue to go after Microsoft.  
Sincerely,

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